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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Chan for the courteous personal interview of May 3, 2006 at which the claims and the art of record were discussed. As acknowledged by the Examiner, the Rohringer reference recites the use of high pressure to infuse an aqueous formulation into wood. Such a process would be difficult to apply to a wood laminate since it is unlikely the laminate would survive intact due to weakening or total loss of adhesion between the lamellae.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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